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SUBJECT:SALT COMPLIANCE AND SCC

1. DURING CALL OF ITALIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR SALIMEI ON  
USSCC COMMISSIONER GRAYBEAL, NOVEMBER 19, SALIMEI RAISED  
QUESTION OF SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH 1972 SALT AGREEMENTS.  
SALIMEI POINTED OUT THAT RECENT WASHINGTON POST (GETLER)

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AND AVIATION WEEK ARTICLES HAD RAISED QUESTIONS ON THIS

MATTER AND WASHINGTON POST HAD INDICATED THAT US HAD CALLED FOR SPECIAL SCC SESSION. SUBSTANCE OF GRAYBEAL REPLY FOLLOWS. USNATO AND ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY DRAW ON THIS MATERIAL, AS APPROPRIATE, IN RESPONDING TO NATO PERMREP OR GOVERNMENTAL QUERIES.

2. THE UNITED STATES HAS STRICTLY ADHERED TO THE SALT ACCORDS. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT USSR IS IN VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS OF 1972 SALT AGREEMENTS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SOME OF THOSE MENTIONED IN THE PRESS, WHICH ARE UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. CERTAIN OF THESE ACTIVITIES MAY NEED TO BE CLARIFIED IN DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET UNION. A PROPER FORUM FOR SUCH CLARIFICATION IS THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION (SCC), THE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED BY THE SALT AGREEMENTS, IN PART, FOR CONSIDERING QUESTIONS CONCERNING COMPLIANCE AND RELATED SITUATIONS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED AMBIGUOUS.

3. THE UNITED STATES HAS CALLED FOR AN SCC MEETING AT A MUTUALLY AGREED DATE IN JANUARY TO DISCUSS CERTAIN ISSUES RELATED TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE 1972 SALT AGREEMENTS. THE EXACT DATE OF THE MEETING WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER EXCHANGES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR. SCC SESSIONS ARE NOT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE. THE SCC CHARTER CALLS FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO SESSIONS A YEAR; HOWEVER, EITHER COMMISSIONER UNDER NORMAL SCC PROCEDURES MAY CALL A SESSION AT ANY TIME.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE ALLIES INFORMED OF MATTERS WHICH AFFECT THE SALT AGREEMENTS. INGERSOLL

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